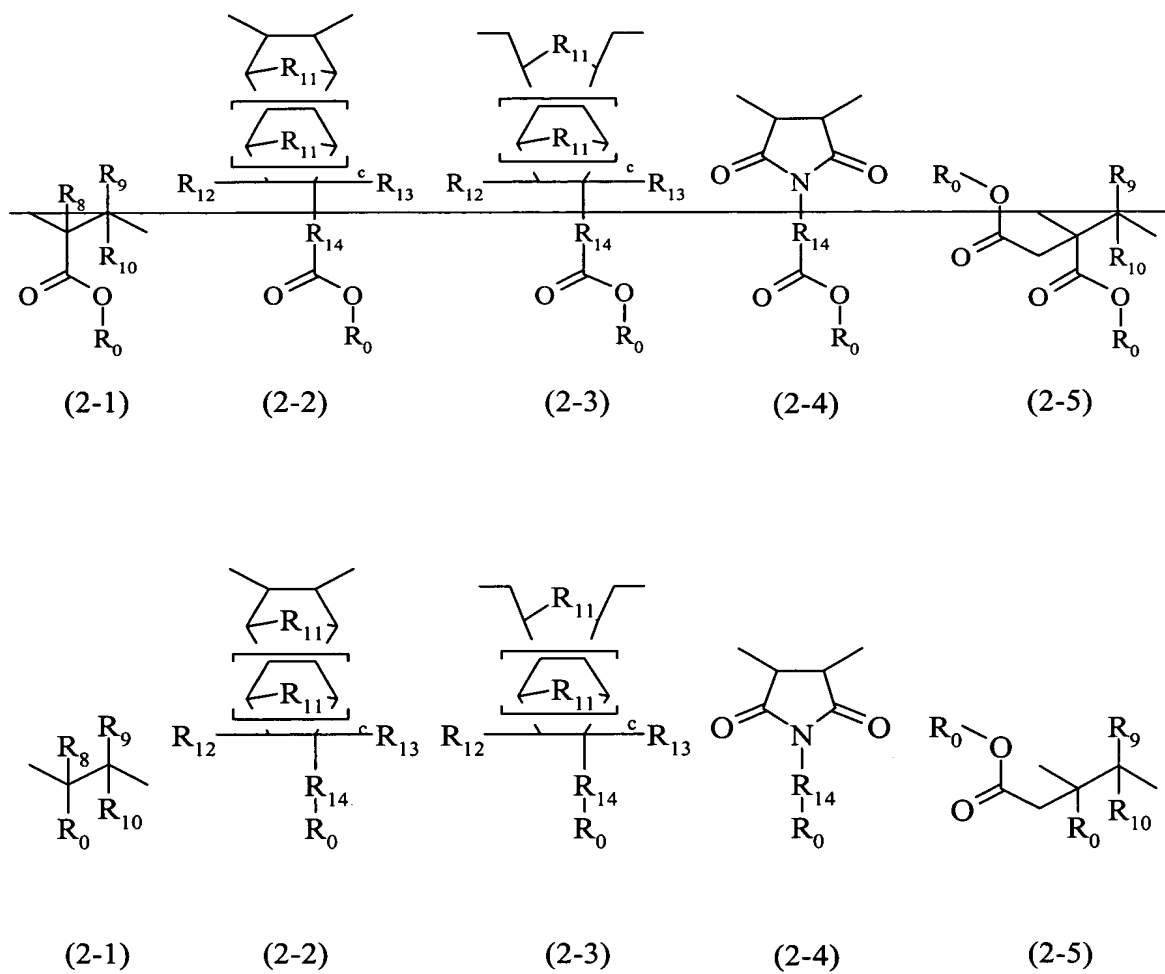


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:*Amend page 4, lines 8-19, as follows:*

Preferably, the polymer has a partial structure of any one of the following general formulae (2-1) to (2-5).

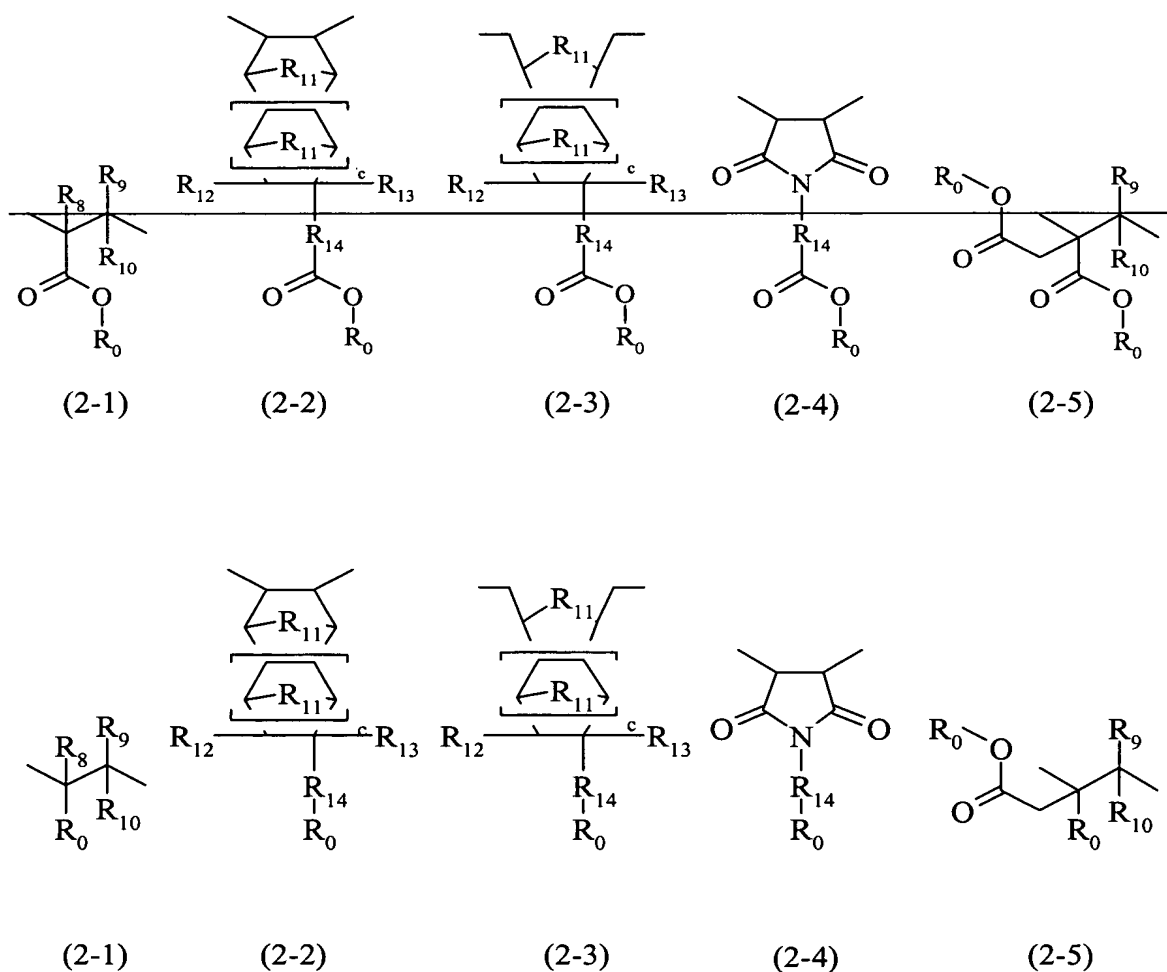


herein R⁰ is a group of formula (1) or formula (1a); R⁸ to R¹⁰ each are hydrogen, fluorine or a straight, branched or cyclic alkyl or fluorinated alkyl group of 1 to 20 carbon atoms; R¹¹ is a methylene group, oxygen atom or sulfur atom; R¹² and R¹³ each are hydrogen, methyl or CH₂CO₂R¹⁵; R¹⁴ is a straight, branched or cyclic alkylene or fluorinated alkylene group of

1 to 20 carbon atoms; R^{15} is a straight, branched or cyclic alkyl or substituted alkyl group of 1 to 20 carbon atoms; and "c" is 0 or 1.

Amend page 8, lines 3-16, as follows:

The preferred polymers having a group of formula (1) or (1a) are polymers comprising recurring units of any one of the following general formulae (2-1) to (2-5).



herein R^0 is a group of formula (1) or (1a); R^8 to R^{10} each are hydrogen, fluorine or a straight, branched or cyclic alkyl or fluorinated alkyl group of 1 to 20 carbon atoms; R^{11} is a

methylene group, oxygen atom or sulfur atom; R^{12} and R^{13} each are hydrogen, methyl or $CH_2CO_2R^{15}$; R^{14} is a straight, branched or cyclic alkylene or fluorinated alkylene group of 1 to 20 carbon atoms; and R^{15} is a straight, branched or cyclic alkyl or substituted alkyl group of 1 to 20 carbon atoms; and "c" is 0 or 1.